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"WELL, WELL LOOK ABOUT," SAID THE SHERIFF, THEY WENT FROM ONE SALOON TO ANOTHER ALONG THE STREET. IN ALL THERE WERE SEVEN. AND IN THE VERY LAST ONE THEY VISITED;











EN EACH CASE, WITNESSES POINTED THE FINGER OF GUILT AT BILL BENSON ...





UNTIL IN EXASPIRATION, THE SHERIFF ANGRILY EXCLAIMED...



MAD THEY KNOWN WHAT WAS HAPPENING ON A CERTAIN NIGHT AFTER THE LAST CRIME, IN A ROOM IN A TOWN ONE HUNDRED MILES AWAY, THERE WOULD HAVE BEEN NO MYSTERY!





I HAVE A STORE HOLDUP IN MIND, BILL.IT'S IN THIS TERRITORY, SO YOU'LL HAVE TO PULL IT! AND I'LL BE YOUR ALIB!!



WOULD YOU TAKE



A HALF HOUR LATER ...
OH ... MR. BENSON! I WANT





















BUT IN TIME BOTH GAMBLERS AND LOVERS ARE WANT TO RUN OUT OF MONEY, ONE NIGHT THREE MONTHS LATER, IN THE HILLS NEAR HANKS HOME...













BUDDENLY THE MOUNTAINSIDE BECAME ALIVE WITH GUNFIRE!!



MARSHAL'S OFFICE.



BENSON WILL DOUBTLESS SAV THAT HE WAS WITH ME, WHEN YOU PICK HIM UP. BUT I'M SURE HE WAS NOT! I BELIEVE THERE ARE TWO MEN WHO LOOK ALIKE ...



THUNDER,

THAT

WOULD

SOLVEA LOT OF

BUZZLING

MARSHAL PETRIE ROSE AND HURRIED FROM THE OFFICE TO ROUND UP HIS DEPUTIES AS HE LEFT ...













A WEEK LATER SHERIFF DAN CALDWELL STOPPED BY TO CONGRATULATE PETRIE!!

CLEVER OF THAT
GAL, SEEING THE
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN
THE TWO MEN. SUPPOSE
A WOMEN WOULD...

MISS PRUDENCE'S AUN'T DIDN'T, DAN. SHE LET BILL BENSON IN AND TALKED A SPELL WITH HIM. BUT THEN, MISS PRUDENCE IS DIFFERENT THAN MOST. MORE SENSITIVE, I GUESS. YUH, SEE, SHE'S STONE





BLACK STALLION



To the south, east and north of the mesa stretched the great desert for many miles. There lay the grayish choking alkali dust. There, also, lay the bleached bones of many men. The bones were not always there. There had lain no bones near the mesa when Red Feather was twelve.

To the west of the mesa a broad green valley trailed a long winding way between the mountains and the waters from the mountain streams kept the valley green. There lived the fierce tribe of Chief Storm Cloud who was the father of Red Feather. There also lived the wild horses, whose chief was the huge black stallion. The wild horses and the tribe of Storm Cloud lived together in peace and understood one another.

Red Feather particularly understood the horses, and more than anyone of the tribe Red Feather understood the black stallion. The boy often lay on his belly atop the mesa, lay as quiet as the night, until he heard the neighing of the great black beast. Then Red Feather would wave and the black stallion would come in great leaps of his massive limbs, until he stood at the edge of the green valley below the mesa.

Not even the elders of the tribe could talk with the black stallion, but Red Feather could. He would say, "I am the son of the greatest of all chieftains, and one day I shall rule my people as wisely as he does."

The nostrils of the big black-would widen one day would lead the tribe of the valley.

and his limbs would tremble. "I lead the greatest herd of all," the black stallion would say. "And my line will go on and on forever. My people and yours will always be free."

The first trouble came when men with pele faces, who wore strange clothes, arrived. They carried sticks that smoked and could kill at long distances. The pale men dug in the mountains for yellow metal, and muddied the streams, and trampled the valley. It was then that Storm Cloud warned them that they must go.

The white men talked among themselves. They did not want to go. They did not intend to go. They would find a way to force Storm Cloud to obey them. One day, when Red Feather was on the mesa, many of them swooped down upon him and bore him away, The pale men traveled a great distance, but through the night came the sound of many drums to Red Feather's ears. "If your father does not let us take the gold, we will kill you." the pale men said. "Then kill me." Red Feather replied proudly, "for my father will not allow you in the mountains." And even though neither could speak the other's language, both white man and Indian knew by the cold feeling of hatred what was in each other's mind.

The white man sent an emissary to Storm Cloud. He did not return. "Tomorrow you die," the pale ones said. That night Red Feather lay tied to a tree. He could not sleep, because he was thinking of the dreams he had dreamed, and the boasts he had made to the big black stallion. Now he would never become a great chief. Then through the silence of the night he heard a neighing and he new it was the black stallion. The great beast roared in upon the camp, trampling many pale ones in their sleep. His huge teeth severed the ropes that bound Red Feather.

With a cry of joy Red Feather sprang upon the huge steed's back. The camp roared with activity, as pale men with burning sticks came following, crying their anger. And the big black stallion held back his swift speed, so that the pale ones might not lose him, until at last they came to the mesa.

Red Feather grew to manhood and, like his father, became a great chieftain, who kept the valley free for his tribe and the tribe of the black stallion. And this is the story about the bleached bones near the mesa, the story that Red Feather told his son, Little Mountain, who

KILLER'S TRAIL

When Black Clayton shot and killed old Mike Rowan, he had two objectives in view. One was to rob the old prospector of his hoard of gold, and the other was to get even with Owen Judson, who had double-crossed Clayton back in New Mexico, by disappearing with the entire proceeds of a stage holdup, in which Black

Clayton had been a partner.

Clayton merely blasted the old man in the chest when old Mike opened his cabin door. He watched Rowan fall and writhe in his own blood and lie still. After that Clayton dragged the old prospector to the dirty window, making sure enough blood spattered the floor to make a trail. Then Clayton printed the words, OWN JUD-SON, in clumsy letters on the glass. He wiped the window's dirt from his own index finger on Mike Rowan's, and left the body lying there on the floor.

It wasn't much of a job to find Mike Rowan's gold. He kept it stored in sacks beneath the floor boards of his cabin. Black Clayton's eyes glistened as he felt their weight and thought of the glittering yellow metal. Then Clayton set the boards back in the floor and placed the sacks of gold on top of it. He began to prowl about. Maybe there was something else about that he could make use of. After all Mike Rowan wouldn't be needing anything any more, and if there was food, it might save him from needing to go into town for supplies for a spell after his own stocks ran out.

Black Clayton didn't find much: a slab of bacon, a plug of chewing tobacco, and a small sack of corn. He kept the bacon, shoved the tobacco into his jeans and turned away. But even though he had no intention to plant a corn patch, like old Mike did every year, it galled him to leave something for another man to use . . . perhaps. So Clayton threw the sack of corn over his shoulder, too. Then, gathering

all the loot together, he made his way outside, fastened it to his horse's saddle, and set out for his cabin, about four miles away, up a narrow dirt trail. It began to rain before he had gone very far. But that didn't bother Clayton. He was glad of it. The rain would wash away any hoofprints in the soft earth.

Black Clayton had all but forgotten about old Mike Rowan. It had been a month since he had killed him, and nothing had come of it. And there was a mighty nice profit in the gold he had taken from the cabin. That's why it was quite a shock, when one day Sheriff Joe Hanlon and two of his deputies rode up to his door. The sheriff's gun was drawn. He didn't look friendly.

"What fer?" Clayton asked, raising his

hands.

"For the murder of old Mike Rowan," the sheriff answered. "Twas written plain on the cabin window glass that yuh done it!"

"Yo're plumb loco!" Clayton exclaimed. "It said Owen Judson done it!" There was a faint glitter of steel-gray humor in the sheriff's eyes. Clayton realized he had given himself away. He swore and reached for his hardware and the sheriff fired, caught Clayton in the shoulder.

"Yep," the sheriff said. "The words, OWN JUDSON, was on the glass, all right. But Mike didn't put 'em there. Mike

couldn't read or write."

"Then how come yuh accuse me?" de-

manded Clayton.

"Yuh left a trail," said Hanlon. "Yuh wasn't satisfied tuh steal old Mike's gold; yuh had tuh take a sack of corn out of the cabin, too. A sack that had a hole in the bottom. What with the heavy rains of late, them corn kernels sprouted an' grew intuh the neatest fresh green trail yuh ever saw. Right from his cabin tuh yourn!"

FOR A ...

THE KIDJUST WANDERED INTO CAMP, AND HE MADE HEMP NECKTIE HEND HEMP HEMP NECKTIE







EVEN AS MIKE FAGIN GROWLED, AT HIM, JUANITO PICKED UP TWO EMPTY BUCKETS AND HEADED FOR THE LAKE...







FAGIN'S CLAIM WAS WEARING OUT, BUT THAT DAY, WITH JUANITO'S HELP, FAGIN AGAIN MADE A RECORD HAUL...



IT WAS THE CUSTOM AT THE CAMP TO WORK UNTIL DARK, SO THAT THE LAST WASHING OF THE DAY WAS LEFT IN THE SLUICES...



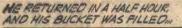




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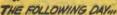
YOU'RE RIGHT.

WE BETTER

ASK THE

NOW LOOK, JUANITO, YUH THINK YUH KIN KEEP THIS GOLD SAFE? THINK YUH KIN HIDE IT NEAR YORE BLANKET, WHERE NO





SOMETHING'S PLENTY WRONG, FRED. REMEMBER



THE MINERS "INCLUDING FAGIN, AGREED THAT SOME ONE HAD BEEN SLUICES.

TAMPERING WITH THE BUT NOT MUCH WAS SAID, AND THE MATTER RESTED THUS FOR A WEEK. THEN ONE NIGHTIN





FAGIN ESCAPED INTO THE BLACKNESS BEFORE THE SLEEPING CAMP WAS IN ACTION ...





AGIN GOT BACK TO HIS TENT AS SOON AS HE COULD. HE CREPT INTO HIS BLANKETS AND PULLED THEM OVER HIS HEAD. BUT HE COULDN'T SHUT OUT THE COLD OR WAS IT COLD THAT MADE HIM TREMBLE?



THE NEXT DAY FAGIN GOT VERY LITTLE WORK DONE, TOO MANY THOUGHTS TERRIFIED HIM, THAT NIGHT,,,



A SHORT TIME LATER AT THE CAMP OF BIRCH AND WAYNE ...



THE TWO MINER'S WORKED THEIR WAY CAUTIOUSLY THROUGH THE NIGHT ... THEN ...





IT WAS A FURIOUS MOB THAT SHOVED JUANITO INTO FAGIN'S TENT. FAGIN APPEARED TO BE UTTERLY SURPRISED



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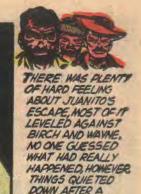




SO EVENTUALLY THE MINERS DECIDED TO THE JUANITO UP AND WAIT UNTIL MORNING TO BEAT HIM. TWO MEN STOOD GUARD OUTSIDE...









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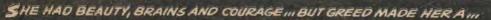
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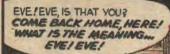
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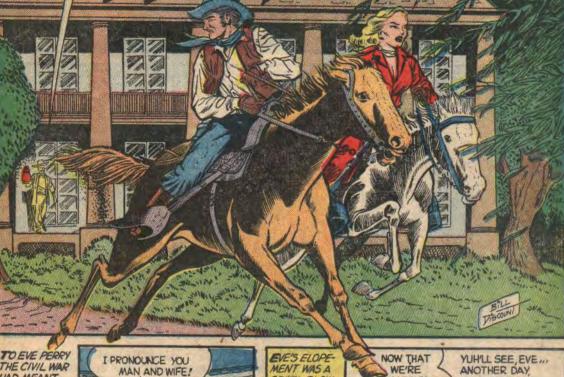


LLER IN SKIRTS



SEEMS THE JUDGE IS A MITE UPSET EVE!

HE'LL GET OVER IT! HE'LL HAVE TO! BUT RIDE BLAST IT, FRANK! BEFORE HE SETS A POSSE AFTER US!



THE CIVIL WAR HAD MEANT ONLY EXCITE-MENT, FOR THE WILD, SPIRITED GIRL HAD RUN MESSAGES FOR BEN CLAY, THE CONFEDERATE GUERILLA NOW THAT PEACE HAD COME THE DAUGHTER OF ELDERLY JUDGE PERRY SOUGHT A MEW FORM OF EXCITEMENT



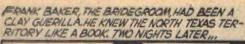
EVE'S ELOPE-MENT WAS A CRUEL BLOW TO THE JUDGE FOR HE HAD AMBITIONS FOR HIS SEVENTEEN-YEAR-OLD DAUGHTER. BUT TO EVE IT WAS ONLY BEGINNING,

YUH'LL SEE, EVE ... ANOTHER DAY MAYBE TWO ...



MARRIED

WHAT WILL WE DO FOR MONEY DEAR?











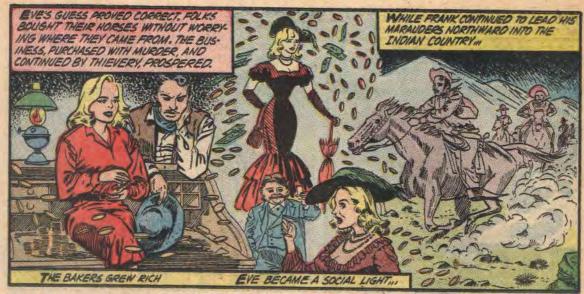
YUH LEARN FAST, HONEY!











THEN ONE AFTERNOON ABOUT TWENTY-FIVE MILES NORTH OF THE BAKER



THAT NIGHT, AT THE BAR-Q RANCH ...



IT WAS NEAR SUCCESS, BUT TOM CUSTER, OWNER OF THE BAR-Q NEARO THE COMMOTION AND GOT HIS MEN TOGETHER IN A HURRY...



THE FAINT MOON WAS JUST BRIGHT ENOUGH TO GET IN A FEW SHOTS. AND FRANK BAKER HAD THE MOST ARMED MEN. CUSTER AND HIS MEN WERE PRACTICALLY AMBUSHED...



SOON THE DARKNESS AND THE RUGGED COUNTRY SWALLOWED THE KILLERS











SO WHITEY CROWE SCOURED THE HILLS, SCRAPED UP THE DREGS OF NORTH TEXAS ... MEN WHO WERE HIDING OUT



AND SO THE TIME PASSED AND MONEY CONTINUED TO ROLLIN. AND EVE BAKER'S PRESTIGE CONTINUED TO RISE,



IT WAS THE DAY AFTER MEETING COUNT GUSTAVE THAT WHITEY CROWE RETURNED FROM THE NORTH WITH A HERD OF HORSES



IN A SUDDEN RAGE OF FURY, EVE YANKED A POSTER FROM HER DESK DRAWER ...





WHITEY OND NOT RETURN TO WORK, BUT RODE FOR THE NORTH, HE SPENTA WEEK ASKING, DICKING UP TRAIL, THEN ONE DAY IN A SMALL



SO I AIN'T A PARDNER, EH? WELL, I'M FIFTEEN HUNDRED RICHER, ANYWAY!



WHITEY CROWE SLUNG BAKERS BODY OVER HIS HORSE. THE WARRANT WAS A FEDERAL OVE. SO HE TOOK THE BODY TO THE NEAREST FORT.



THE COMMANDING OFFICER SENT FOR EVE. SHE CAME ... AND HER PULSES POUNDED. IF SHE COULD SEE FOR CERTAIN THAT IT WAS FRANK, SHE'D BE FREE! WHEN SHE HAD SATISFIED HERSELF, SHE TURNED TO THE OFFICER ...

MR.CROW HAS KILLED THE WRONG MAN, OFFICER. I NEVER SAW THE DEAD MAN BEFORE IN MY LIFE! WHAT!

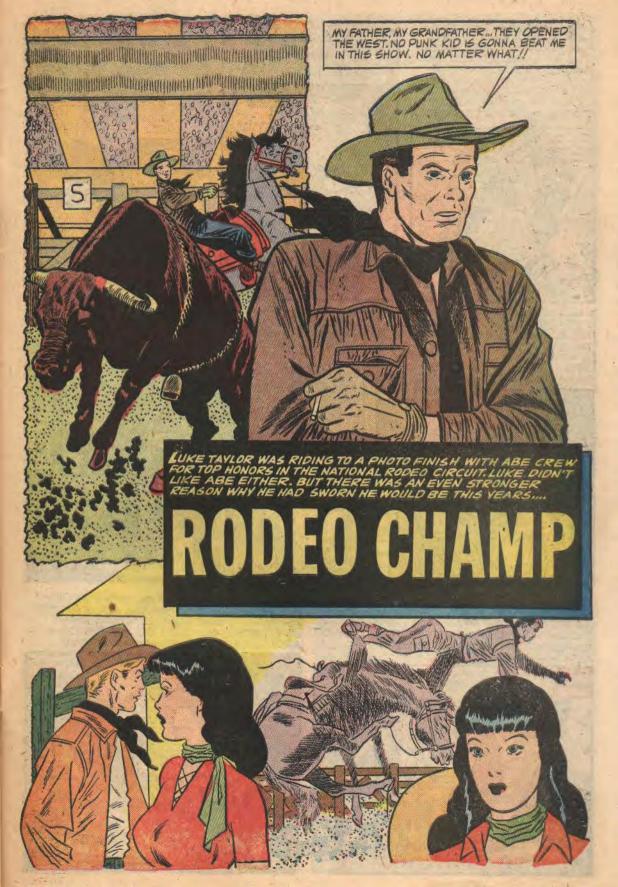




AND SO OROPS
THE CURTAIN ON
THE SAGA OF EVE
BAKER, SELFISH
AND VIOLENT TO
THE END, NO FRIEND
EVER CAME TO HER
LONELY GRAVE, ONLY
AN OLD GRIEVING
JUDGE, WHO REMEMBERED HER AS
SHE MIGHT
HAVE BEEM



THE EMOS,



LUKES PERFORMANCE IN THE SADDLE WAS A WORK OF ART. THE CROWD ROARED ITS APPROVAL AS THE ANIMAL BUCKED AND HIGH ROLLED. LUKE HAD THE FEELING THAT HE WAS ON HIS WAY TO WINNING IF HIS LUCK HELD-OUT FOR THE REST OF THE DAY...





LUKE SAW THE REAL REASON FOR WANTING TO WIN THE CHAMP IONSHIP, SHE WAS STANDING BY WAITING FOR HER ACT TO GO ON. NAN KENNEDY WAS ONE OF THE GIRLS IN THE TRICK RIDING ACT...



OH, I HOPE YOU DO WIN, FOR YOUR SAKE, LUKE! YOU WERE WONDERFUL IN YOUR SADDLE BRONC RIDING! SIMPLY MARVELOUS! I'O FEEL A LOT BETTER IF MY TOUGHEST COM-PETITION WAS-N'T COMING FROM AN HOMBRE



MY FATHER, MY GRAND-FATHER... YES MY GREAT-GRANDAD, ALL OF THEM! THEY OPENED THE WEST, NAN! AND THEY KEPT IT OPEN! BUT CREW!... WHERE DOES HE COME FROM? A OUDE RANCH IN THE EAST! BAH!



I COME FROM AN EASTERN RANCH, LUKE. THE SAME RANCH AS ABE CREW CAME FROM.



ME COULDN'T TELL HER HOW DIFFERENT IT WAS WITH OUT TELLING HER HIS PLANS. NAN HAD COME WITH HIS SHOW FROM ONE OF THE SMALLER SHOWS OF THE CIRCUIT. AND IN ALL HIS THIRTY-ONE YEARS HE'D NEVER GIVEN WOMEN A SECOND THOUGHT... UNTIL NAN CAME... BUT NOW...



LUKE WAS TENSE AS THE CHUTE OPENED FOR THE BAREBACK BRONC EXHIBITION, AND HE HOPED AGAINST HOPE THAT SOMEONE... ANYONE MIGHT WIN IT, EXCEPT ABE CREW. BUT JOE STREICHER WASN'T GOING TO HELP, HE SAW THAT AT ONCE...



AND HE SAW ONE AFTER THE OTHER LEAVE THOSE WILD BRONCS AND FLY THROUGH THE AIR. THEN ABE CREW CAME OUT AND LUKE KNEW ABE WOULD STAY THE TEN SECONDS REQUIRED.





WHEN ABE CREW FINALLY LEFT HIS MOUNT IT WAS ONLY AFTER HE HAD STAYED ALMOST A RECORD TIME ABOARD THE HURRICANE DELK. HE CHARTERED A NEAT TWELVE SECONDS. LUKE TAYLOR BIT HIS LIP, WISHED HE HAD REGISTERED FOR THE BAREBACK EYENT. FOR ABE CREW HAD WON!

LUKE WATCHED ALMOST WITHOUT SEEING. NAN WAS IN HER ACT NOW, BUT LUKE TAYLOR'S MIND WAS CALCULATING POINTS. SO FAR AS HE COULD RECKON, HE AND CREW WERE ABOUT EVEN. HED HAVE TO MAKE HIS RIDE ON THE BRAHMA BULL STICK OUT TO HOLD HIS OWN...



SUDDENLY A HAND ON HIS SHOULDER BROKE



LUKE TAYLOR TURNED AND WALKED OFF, HE WANTED TO SOCK CREW, WANTED TO SHOUT AT HIM. HOW COULD CREW KNOW WHAT IT ALL MEANT?

HOW COULD HE KNOW... HOW COULD NAN KNOW... HOW MUCH IT MEANS TO WIN THE CHAMPIONSHIP? NAN DESERVES NOTHING BUT A CHAMPION... AND IF I DON'T WIN, HOW CAN I ASK HER TO MARRY ME?

TAYLOR COULDN'T KEEP AWAY FROM THE WILD HORSE RACE, EVEN IF HE HATED ABE CREW. CREW WAS IN THAT RACE, TOO. IF HE WON THAT ONE! ... HE SAN THE WILD MUSTANGS RACE OUT... HATING THEIR CAPTIVITY... LOOKING FOR ESCAPE...



HOLD ON, THERE, YOU ORNERY CRITTER!



ABE CREW WAS FIRST TO SADOLE. BUTHE WAS NOT FAR AHEAD, AND THE NORSE HE HAD ORAWN WAS MEAN...



SUDDENLY ABE CREWS HORSE LUNGED, AND.



LOOK OUT! ROLL, ABE! ROLL!



LUKE DIDN'T WANT IT TO END THAT WAY, BUT HE LISTENED EAGERLY WHEN THE DOCTOR RAISED HIS HEAD AFTER EXAMINING ABE CREW...

BROKEN COLLAR BONE. WE'VE GOT TO GET HIM TO THE HOSPITAL.



LUKE DREW AN EXTRA MEAN ANIMAL OF THE MEANEST OF ALL RODEO BEASTS, THE BRAHAMA BULLS. THE ENRAGED BEAST SNORTED IT'S FURY AS IT CLEARED THE CHUTE, AND LUKE KNEW THAT IF HE COULD STAY ON FOR TEN SECONDS, IT WOULD BE MORE THAN LUCK,,, IT WOULD BE A MIRACLE...



ME DIDN'T KNOW WHY HE STAYED ON, THE ROARING BULL WAS DOING ALL IT COULD TO GET HIM OFF, LUKE HELD HIS BREATH AND COUNTED SILENTLY "AND EACH FIFTH OF A SECOND BECAME AN ETERNITY."



LUKE TAYLOR HAD A VAGUE SENSE OF REALIZATION THAT HE HAD STAYED WITH THE SNORTING DEVIL AS LONG AS ANY MAN COULD... BUT HE HIT THE GROUND SUDDENLY, HIS WIND MOMENTARILY KNOCKED OUT OF HIM...



FOR JUST A SECOND OF TIME HE BLACKED OUT. AND WHEN HE CAME TO HE SAW DEATH CHARGING AT HIM IN SNORTING FURY...



MIS ACTIONS WERE AUTOMATIC. SOMETHING OUTSIDE OF HIS CONSCIOUSNESS TOLD HIM WHAT TO DO.



ALL AT ONCE IT WAS OVER AND THE CROWD WAS CHEERING AS LUKE GOT TO HIS FEET.



AS HE CAME OFF THE FIELD THE RODED MANAGER MET HIM...

I GUESS YOU'RE THE CHAMP, LUKE, THE REPORTS ARENT OFFICIAL, BUT NO ONE WAS EVEN CLOSE TO YOU'RE RECORD, EXCEPT ABE CREW... AND HE'S OUT...

SHE'S GONE TO THE HOSPITAL TO SEE HOW ABES COMING. SHE WAS PRETTY WORRIED.



HE COULDN'T WAIT TO TELL NAN. 50 HE RUGHED TO THE HOSPITAL. WHEN HE GOT THERE HE FOUND HER IN THE WAITING ROOM...

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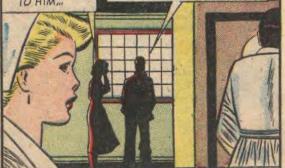
MEAN.

OH, LUKE! THEY'VE JUST SET ABE'S SHOULDER! HE'LL BE OKAY! DO YOU HEAR, LUKE! OH, THANK HEAVENS!



SUDDENLY LUKE FELT THE FULL WEIGHT OF HIS YEARS. YES, HE FELT VERY OLD INDEED. WHAT RIGHT HAD HE TO BE THINKING OF... HADN'T HE ALWAYS SAID A GOOD HORSE WAS WORTH A DOZEN WOMEN? BESIDES, NAN WAS CRYING...

OH, LUKE.. IF ANYTHING HAD HAPPENED TO HIM... YEAH. I'VE BEEN PRETTY ROUGH ON THE KID. WE'LL GO SEE HIM TOGETHER.



EVENTUALLY THEY WERE ALLOWED TO GO INTO ABE'S ROOM. LUKE KNEW HE WOULDN'T STAY VERY LONG. FOR HE SAW FROM THE LIGHT IN NAN'S FACE THAT ABE WAS HER MAN. BUT HE WANTED TO SET THINGS STRAIGHT BETWEEN ABE AND HIMSELF BEFORE HE LEFT THE HOSPITAL.

A CHAMPION WOULD HAVE TO DO THAT!



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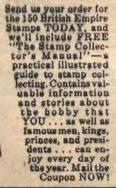
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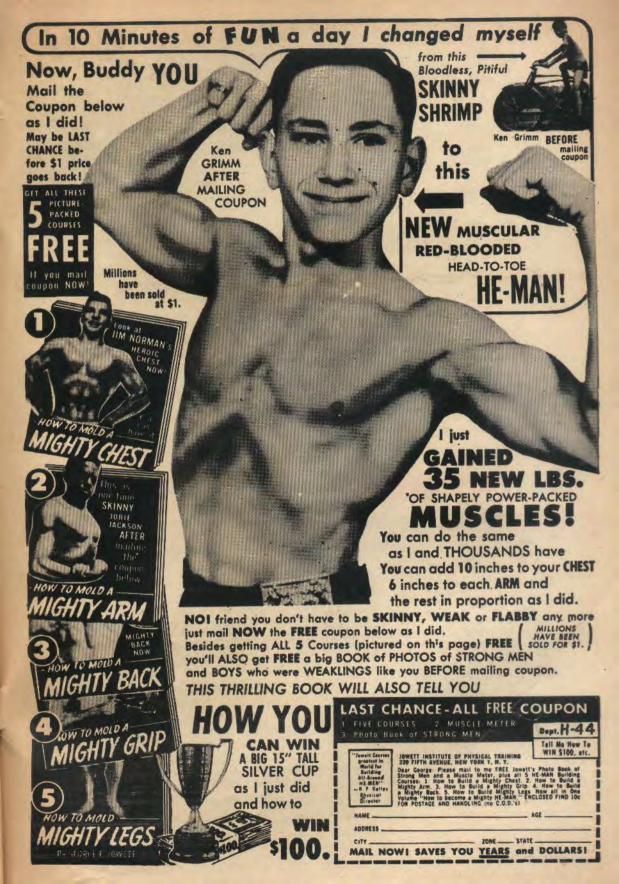
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How I foxed the Navy

by Arthur Godfrey

The Navy almost scuttled me. I shudder to think of it. My crazy career could have ended right there. Who knows, I might still be bumming Chesterfields instead of selling them.

To be scuttled by the Navy you've either got to do something wrong or neglect to do something right. They've got you both ways. For my part, I neglected to finish high school,

Ordinarily, a man can get along without a high school diploma. Plenty of men have. But not in the Navy. At least not in the U.S. Navy Materiel School at Bellevue, D. C., back in 1929. In those days a bluejacket had to have a mind like Einstein's. And I didn't.

"Godfrey," said the lieutenant a few days after I'd checked in, "either you learn mathematics and learn it fast or out you go. I'll give you six weeks." This, I figured, was it. For a guy who had to take off his shoes to count



above ten, it was an impossible assignment.

I was ready to turn in my bell-bottoms. But an ad in a magazine stopped me. Here, it said, is your chance to get special training in almost any subject-mathematics included. I hopped on it. Within a week I was enrolled with the International Correspondence Schools studying algebra, geometry and trig for all I was worth.

Came week-end liberty, I studied. Came a holiday, I studied. Came the end of the six weeks, I was top man in the class. Within six weeks I had mastered two years of high school math, thanks to the training I'd gotten.

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